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## **Great Basin National Park News Release**

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April Brings Re-newed Activity at Great Basin National Park

A mild winter, spring breaks, Easter weekend, astronomical opportunities and National Parks Week ... it's a great time to visit Great Basin National Park.

The Great Basin Visitor Center, Baker, Nevada, opens for the season Thursday April 5, with daily hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time.

Lehman Caves Visitor Center, open daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., is the ticket office for tours of Lehman Caves. The Easter weekend is popular for visiting the park. Non-refundable, advance ticket sales for tours of Lehman Caves are available by telephoning (775) 234-7331 extension 242, from 30 days to the day before the scheduled tour. Tours are limited to 20 people.

Lower Lehman Creek Campground is open. Weather permitting the lower loop of Upper Lehman Campground is planned to open April 6. The water is currently shut-off, but water is available at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center.

The 2012 astronomy programs kickoff Saturday April 14 at 7:00 p.m. PDT at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center. Learn about the spring constellations and see such highlights as the Great Orion Nebula using park provided telescopes.

The Lehman Caves Gift and Café park concession opens for the season Friday April 20. The early season hours are daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The kitchen closes at 3:00 p.m.

April 21-29 is National Parks Week. The Western National Parks Association bookstores at both the Great Basin and Lehman Caves Visitors Centers are offering special discounts in honor of the week. See nps.gov/grba for more information.

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